

Minutes: Area 53 General Service Assembly

December 12, 2021 10:00 am

Hybrid Zoom / DoubleTree Hotel 175 Hutchinson Ave, Columbus, OH 43235

Secretary's Note: Please pardon the formatting. In the interest of getting this information to you, I did not have time to fix it all. Chris J,

MORNING SESSION 10:00-12:00

1. Opening of Meeting – 10:00 am - (Marcia H.)

- Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer Ann B Chair 10:09am
- Housekeeping
Announcement regarding Zoom e
Chair Ann B. relinquished Chair of morning session to Alt Chair Marcia H.
- Twelve Concepts read by Kole
- Present Agenda
- June Assembly Minutes (Chris J.) – Approved by Acclamation
- September Assembly Minutes (Chris J.) - Approved by Acclamation

2. Officers Reports

- Delegate (Donna K.) See Attached Written Report
- Chairperson (Ann B.) See Attached Written Report
Q - Where is Job Description for Group Services Chair?
A - See Guidelines, both the section related to Responsibilities of Standing Comm Chairs
The Section specific to Group Services was read by Greg G.
- Treasurer (Tom D.) See Attached Written Report
Q. Donna K., Delegate, spoke to an expense that should be posted as Delegate Expense.
A. Tom will correct.

Q. Bill F, Past-Del / ECR asked about Line 5 Delegate International Fund which he suggests may need to be increased due to expenses of Vancouver Canada travel? Suggesting that we may wish to continue funding this line item.

A. Changes will be discussed in New Bus Proposed 2022 Budget

MOTION: (Motioners?) Accept report with corrections.

Approved by Acclamation

- Web Administrator (Ed A.) See Attached Written Report

Chair (Marcia H) Reminded F2F attendees to mask. Asked if a recess is necessary to achieve compliance with hotel and City of Cols Mask Policies?

5 Minute Recess

Reconvened

- Registrar (Dan S.) See Attached Written Report

3. Standing Committee Reports

- Accessibilities (Kathy B.) See Attached Written Report
- Archives (Teri G.) See Attached Written Report
- Archivist (Frank G.) See Attached Written Report
- CPC/PI (Stacia Y.) Absent
- Correctional Facilities (Jeremy R.)
 - * Regular Meetings Quarterly
 - * CFC Approved using \$3500 from contributions to purchase Literature
 - * Edited CFC docs and website to replace words like “inmate” and “donation”
 - * Agreed to host a CFC Workshop, Date TBA
 - * All positions filled
 - * Operating Budget Balance \$43.99
- Grapevine (Taffy J.) See Attached Written Report

Additional Comments –

1. Other GV resources approved by Panel 69 Conference including good YouTube Channel and Instagram Accounts as well as Podcast (2nd podcast outstanding)
2. The GV has great value in corrections settings and progress is being made getting the GV on the tablets of persons in custody within certain facilities / states.

- Group Services (Vacant)
- Intergroup Liaison (Barbra M.) See Attached Written Report
- Mini Conference (Donna K., Delegate)

There have been 2 planning meetings and a flyer is available. (Flyer on Website) It is very important that we fill positions for Alt Delegate and Alt Treasurer. They are the principal service officers of the Mini Conf. Mini- Conf Planning Meetings are on 3rd Wednesdays on Zoom as set by Past Alt Del, Diann N-H
- Ohio State Convention (Donna K., Delegate)

The 2022 OSC will be in this building (Doubletree). Need volunteers and offered accommodations to those who face obstacle attending. Theme: Walking with Purpose in Recovery, Unity and Service. OSC Planning Meetings, 4th Monday 7:30 at COGF Meeting Rm.
- Treatment Facilities (Sam K.) See Attached Written Report

Meet 3rd Saturdays at COGF (Hybrid)

Lunch - 12:00-1:00

4. Ratify Alternate Web Administrator

- Ratify Alternate Web Administrator, Bill Young
MOTIONED BY THE CHAIR’S APPOINTMENT

Motion Carried, Vote: 37-0

5. Elections 1:15 pm (Stephen S., Past Delegate Conducted the Election)

- Alternate Delegate
Ed A. stands, indicating that he is eligible and available. No other candidates.
Ed shared his qualifications with the Assembly and responded to questions.
Nominations were closed. and Ed A. was elected by acclamation.
- Alternate Treasurer-
No candidates. Chairperson will appoint someone.
- Web Administrator –
Q – Dan S. asked if it were not the normal case that the Alternate would become Web Admin?
A - There was consensus that Bill Y., currently serving as Alt Web Admin become the Web Admin.

Motion: (Rick B, Past Delegate / Erica C, DCM 34) Area 53 withdraw it's approval of Bill Y as Web Administrator?

Discussion:

Rick B, Past Delegate: Stated that the Web Administrator's job has gone from something for relatively simple to something very complicated and that candidates should not need professional Web Development skills to do the job.

Chair, Ann B, stated that people with professional skills have been elected to other positions. Chris J , Secretary, spoke to the importance of Technical Skills in this position make it necessary for us to prioritize technical competency.
Erica C spoke to importance of Web Admin passing on experience to Alternate.

Bill F spoke for the spirit of rotation. Bill Y has served in this capacity for most of past 10 years and the spirit of rotation teaches us that this rotation helps to prevent any members being placed in positions of unqualified authority over others.

Question called (Joel and Kole) Vote: (45:1)

Vote on Motion: Moved that A53 withdraw it's approval of selection of Bill Young as it's Web Administrator (Vote 39:11)

Minority Opinion: Nobody voting with the majority chose to change their vote?

- Election for Alt Web Admin – Erin P, GSR (Westerville Women's Recovery Group) offered to serve. Background includes group and cfc service and some technical skills.

Elect by Acclamation (Rick B: and Erin P)

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00

6. Old Business

- Area Inventory Update
Chair Ann B. provided quick update
 - * A53 Website has an Inventory Google Form that can be completed online
 - * Printable Document is available for distribution at meetings.
 - * Submissions received by January 7th will be reviewed by Delegate from Area 2 Alaska.
 - * Results will be presented to AC to plan February Meeting

Q – Is this delegate from a state of similar composition to Ohio? How did you come to that selection?
A – Needed to move inventory forward . Very little input from Area 53.

Q's – Erica C

A. Ann B

1. Who should complete? Any A53 AA member
2. How were questions selected? Ad Hoc committee put together questions for Inv
3. End result? An analysis of our strengths and weakness that we could then move forward in the Assembly for decision making?

- Proposed Guideline Change:

Addition of Web Admin and Alt Web Admin to list of officers (Article XII, Section 1)

MOTION: (Madeline / Donna) Vote 46:2)

Minority: Joe, Concerned that we should follow example of GSO that are Non-Rotating
Nobody voting with the majority changed their vote.

Motion Carried

7. New Business

Proposed Budget for 2022 (See Attached Proposed Budget and Report of the Finance Comm)

Tom D, Read Finance Comm. report, emphasizing that provisions are being made in this 2022 Budget to enhance participation in Area 53 events by reimbursing member expenses.

MOTION (Finance Comm) To adopt the Proposed Budget for 2022

Amendment Proposed (Donna K, Delegate / Bill F, Past Trustee) To increase line item 5 from \$0 to \$500 for Delegate Expense for International in light of fact that 2025 International in Vancouver is expected to be more expensive than usual. Assembly voted in favor of the amendment (44:0)

Q. Greg G, GSR: What expenses are reimbursed? Registration, meals, rooms?

A. Tom, Reimbursing expenses that trusted servant requires to attend either the Mini- Conference or State Convention up to \$200.

Q. Donna K. Asked how it is that 2022 Budget starting balance can be \$30,000.

A. Tom D. Replied that our current balance is near that \$ Amt. Consequence of low expenses in 2021.

Q. Yvette, GSR. Is a comparison with this budget and year-to-date expenses available.

A. Tom D. referred to 2021 Q4 budget report for that information.

Q. Jeremy R, CFC Chair. Are the added funds for Mini Conf and State Convention reimbursements taking funds away from any other line items?

A. Tom D. No, budget prepared with intent to use excess funds for those reimbursements.

MOTION: Bill F/ Erica C: To accept the proposed 2022 budget as amended

Vote (34:1)

Minority Opinion: Jeremy R. Wants time to share the budget with our groups.

No members raised a hand to change their vote

MOTION CARRIED to adopt the 2022 budget as amended.

8. District and GSR Reports (See attached written reports)

9. Ask-It-Basket

Chair reminded all members that the agenda is set at the area committee meeting so it is important for anyone desiring to see an item placed on the agenda to attend that meeting.

10. Upcoming Events - See Area Calendar for details (area53aa.org/events)

- January Area Committee Meeting (Virtual) - Zoom
- March Assembly - March 13, 2022, Location TBD

Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

Delegate Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 12, 2021

Over the last 3 months I have attended District workshops, the East Central Regional Forum, state conference planning meetings and Mini Conference planning meetings. I have really enjoyed attending events in person and sharing with so many members, it warms my heart.

I also attended a zoom meeting with my conference committee on Agenda with the Trustee's Committee Trustee. We were informed that we would not receive agenda items earlier because of the Equitable Distribution Workload agenda items that was passed at the conference. The EDW has overwhelmed the conference assignment, there were 178 proposed agenda items submitted, which have been sent to the appropriate committee's to be processed.

The new Corrections Correspondence Services was launched September 28, 2021, since the launch 267 persons have been matched, reported October 29, 2021.

Forums in 2022 will return to in-person settings and may include a virtual/hybrid component. In addition, planning for a virtual Special Forum focused on remote communities is underway with our international AA partners from Argentina and Chile.

Contributions year to date are \$7,416,647, which is 74% of the 2021 budget of \$10,000,000 and \$293,439 more than this time last year. (75% of the year has elapsed.) Contributions are averaging over \$824,072 per month compared to a budget of \$833,333 per month.

Gross literature sales are \$8,613,803 which is 76% of the 2021 budget of \$11,400,000 and \$1,477,745 more than last year. Gross literature sales are averaging \$746,519 per month so far this year.

The A.A.W.S. 2021 Holiday Special Offers line-up: "A Trio of Holiday Special Offers!"
November 1, 2021 – January 15, 2022

1. Big Book Special Winter Offer! 10% off all Big Books, all formats, all languages!
2. Get 15% off all orders over \$100!
3. Focus on A.A. items on spirituality 10% off the following items: B-6, FB-6, SB-6, P-84, FP-84, SP-84, P-86, FP-86, SP-86.) All Holiday Special Offers and discounts are combinable.

The new format of the 2021-2023 General Service Manual is on AAWS website for sale, \$4.00 each. The format is an 8.5x11 with larger print, which replaces the large print.

The General Service final reports are available, if you group wants the reports, please let me know I can bring them to your meeting; if you are an online meeting send me an address and I can send it by email.

Financially AA Grapevine is trending ahead of budget and ahead of prior year on sales of both subscriptions and literature. Costs are under both budget and prior year, ytd sales -1,221,103 after expenses we are 279,817 in the plus.

Submitted in Love and Service, Donna K., Area 53 Panel 71 Delegate

Chairperson's Report to Area 53 Assembly December 12, 2021

Over the past 3 months, I've been involved with behind the scenes work on the Finance Committee, Assembly planning and Area Inventory preparations. In November, I attended the Ohio State Convention Planning Meeting. I also continue to attend the Area Chairs Sharing Sessions.

The Area Committee met for its quarterly meeting virtually on October 10 at 1 PM.

Twenty-one voting members attended: Delegate and Alternate Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 5 Area Officers, 2 Alternate Officers, 6 Standing Committee Chairs, 2 DCMs, and the DCMC. Also attending: Area Archivist

Full minutes from that meeting will be posted to the Area Website when they are finalized.

In summary, the Finance Committee needed to have multiple meetings to work out the proposed budget for 2022 and come up with some recommendations for using the excess funds the Area has accumulated. Those will be presented this afternoon.

Donna gave updates on the Ohio State Convention Planning meetings.

More work needed to be done on the proposed inventory questions and was referred back to the ad hoc committee.

Discussion took place on the format of today's Assembly and the decision was made to hold it as a hybrid meeting.

Under "Problems & Concerns," the Accessibilities Committee brought up issues of accessibility to include those who have special needs beyond hearing or vision.

Current Open Positions
Alternate Delegate
Alternate Treasurer
Group Services Chairperson

Yours is Service,
Ann B.
Area 53 Chair, Panel 71

Treasurer's Report to Area 53 Assembly

2021 Area 53 Budget as of November 30								
Incomes		2021	YTD	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	Projected from 2020
1	Checkbook Balance a/o End of Previous Qtr	\$ 20,000		\$ 25,894	\$ 22,770	\$ 20,423	\$ 20,351	\$ 20,000
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	\$ 18,000	\$ 12,476	\$ 2,710	\$ 4,042	\$ 3,033	\$ 2,691	\$ 18,000
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,743	\$ 460	\$ 800	\$ 405	\$ 1,078	\$ 1,600
2c	Total Income	\$ 19,600	\$ 15,219	\$ 3,170	\$ 4,842	\$ 3,438	\$ 3,769	\$ 19,600
3	Total Funds	\$ 39,600	\$ 15,219	\$ 29,064	\$ 27,612	\$ 23,861	\$ 24,120	\$ 39,600
Expenses								
Officer Expenses								
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3000		\$ -					\$ 500
6	Delegate Expenses	\$ 3,400	\$ -					\$ 3,400
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ -					\$ 2,000
8	Chairperson Expense	\$ 1,400	\$ 21				\$ 21	\$ 1,400
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	\$ 700	\$ 21				\$ 21	\$ 700
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	\$ 1,500	\$ -					\$ 1,500
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	\$ 3,000	\$ -					\$ 3,000
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	\$ 250	\$ -					\$ 250
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	\$ 150	\$ -					\$ 150
14	Total Officer Expenses	\$ 15,400	\$ 3,042	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,042	\$ 15,900
Operating Expenses								
15	Rent for Archive Storage	\$ 400	\$ -					\$ 400
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	\$ 400	\$ 289	\$ 47	\$ 74	\$ 112	\$ 56	\$ 400
17	Copying Expenses	\$ 331	\$ -					\$ 1,000
18	Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -
19	Web Site/Web Services	\$ 600	\$ 760	\$ 231	\$ 50		\$ 479	\$ 600
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit		\$ -					\$ 25
21	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,731	\$ 1,049	\$ 278	\$ 124	\$ 112	\$ 535	\$ 2,425
Meeting & Convention Expenses								
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	\$ 300	\$ -					\$ 300
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	\$ 3,000	\$ 680	\$ 63	\$ 279	\$ 165	\$ 173	\$ 1,800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	\$ 200	\$ 337	\$ 250			\$ 87	\$ 200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,017	\$ 313	\$ 279	\$ 165	\$ 260	\$ 2,300
Committee Expenses								
26	Mini-Conference	\$ 150	\$ -					\$ 150
27	Archives	\$ 500	\$ 332	\$ 20	\$ 116	\$ 76	\$ 120	\$ 200
28	Archives Committee Training	\$ 2,000	\$ 410	\$ (822)		\$ 1,233		
29	CPC/PI	\$ 1,000	\$ -					\$ 1,000
30	Correctional Facilities	\$ 900	\$ 900		\$ 450		\$ 450	\$ 900
31	Treatment Facilities	\$ 500	\$ 445	\$ 445				\$ 500
32	Grapevine	\$ 500	\$ 50				\$ 50	\$ 500
33	Group Services	\$ 500	\$ -					\$ 500
34	Special Needs	\$ 500	\$ -					\$ 200
35	Liasion	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 20	\$ 30			\$ 100
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini Conf/State Conv	\$ 450	\$ -					\$ 450
37	Total Committee Expenses	\$ 7,100	\$ 2,187	\$ (337)	\$ 596	\$ 1,309	\$ 620	\$ 4,500
38	Total Expenses	\$ 27,731	\$ 7,295	\$ 254	\$ 999	\$ 1,586	\$ 4,457	\$ 25,125
39	Ledger Balance	\$ 11,869	\$ 28,810	\$ 28,810	\$ 26,613	\$ 22,275	\$ 19,663	\$ 14,475
40	Prudent Reserve \$3500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
41	Funds Available for Use	\$ 8,369	\$ 25,310	\$ 25,310	\$ 23,113	\$ 18,775	\$ 16,163	\$ 10,975

**Web Administrator Report to Area 53 Assembly
December 12th 2021**

In the past quarter I have attended the Ohio State Convention Quarterly Planning Meeting and the 2021 Virtual East Central Regional Forum as a representative of Area 53. I also served on the Tech Team for the 2021 Virtual East Central Regional Forum.

We have added 2 more interviews on the Archives page – Although “Rudy B.” is currently off-line awaiting a minor edit & will be on-line soon.

We would like to remind everyone that while we commonly use first & last names in service, if you are submitting an item for the website you MUST only use first name & last initial for anonymity. We do our best to look over all documents and “scrub” last names, but your help is also needed.

Our Alternate Web Administrator (Bill Y.) has been busy also. Bill has done an excellent job creating the Google form for the Area Inventory & working with our registrar keeping group information up to date on the site. As well as working with myself to keep the technical (Back end) of the website operating efficiently.

As always, if you have an idea of how our web site can better serve your committee, district or the area as a whole - please contact me.

In Service,

Ed A.
Web Administrator
Panel 71, Area 53

**Registrar's Report to Area 53 Assembly
December 12, 2021**

Roll

Position	online	in-person	strict pod	total			
Area Office	0	2	0	4			
Alternate	0	2	0	3			
Delegate	0	1	0	1			
Past Delegate	0	6	0	8			
DCM	0	4	0	8			
DCM Chair	0	1	0	1			
Standing Committee	0	3	0	5			
GSR	0	17	0	35			

In an effort to accurately reflect the meetings and groups that exist in our Area, we have initiated an effort to find those groups operating **only** virtually. The hope is that these groups can be invited to register as a New Group and then they may be added to our Fellowship Connection database. Data was harvested from the Meeting Guide App, the Columbus Serenity website, and our Fellowship Connection database, where VIRTUAL group types were identified. So far, we have identified 37 virtual-only groups initiated in Area 53. We will do our best to reach out to these groups and invite them to complete the A.A. New Group Form.

Alt Registrar Brenda B. attempted to get a listing of virtual-only groups from the COGF, but it was not available to us.

Brenda has continued to provide monthly updates of Area 53 information to the COGF for publication in their *Conscience Contact* newsletter. I have also asked Brenda to begin sharing that same data with the other four group fellowship offices in our Area.

On November 3rd Brenda B. represented Area 53 at the General Service Office's quarterly Fellowship Connection Sharing Session on Zoom. Thank you Brenda for taking excellent notes on your experience.

An updated trifold with Area 53 information has been provided to the web admin team for publication on the Area 53 website CONTACT page. Also, an updated listing of all ACTIVE groups has been provided to the web admin team for publication on the website's group listing page, and district groups pages. Thank you web team for executing this BIG project! This was a big step in the transition from FNV to FC.

The Registrar's shop has been the thankful recipient of a Chromebook donation – thank you Ann B! This new tool will be used to help with onsite registration at our Area 53 service events.

Brenda and I have been involved in planning and executing Registration efforts for this event today. Thank you web admin team for again providing the online registration tool to Area 53 members.

November 19-21 I attended the East Central Regional Forum on Zoom. I left the Forum knowing A.A. will be OK going forward; A.A. is continuing to flourish and prosper!

Finally, the results of the Area 53 ad hoc Committee on Virtual-Only Group Registration, reported out to the assembly during it's September gathering, has been offered to the General Service Office Conference Coordinator as a proposed agenda item for the upcoming 2022 General Service Conference. The proposal was forwarded to the trustee's Committee on the General Service Conference for discussion at their next meeting. Last update - the trustee's Committee on the General Service Conference met and decided to forward our proposal to the General Service Board's ad hoc committee exploring ways for virtual groups to participate in the U.S./Canada general service structure. This ad hoc committee was created as a result of an advisory action of the 2021 General Service Conference.

Respectfully,

Dan S
Area 53 Registrar, Panel 71

DCMC Report for Area Assembly
December 12, 2021

Our last DCM committee meeting was held on October 10; there were 9 DCMs in attendance. We proceeded with our usual introductions and district reports, many of the DCMs announcing upcoming events within their districts.

Bill Farnsworth was invited to speak about his experience with general service work, a little history about our area with the service structure, and the DCMs responsibilities, especially as it relates to being a part of the Area Planning Committee. Diann, then Alt-Delegate, announced the location of the next Mini-Conference: Salt Fork. She reemphasized the importance of DCM and their district's participation in the planning process of this event.

Teri G., Archives chair, announced an upcoming event for this committee, welcoming us to attend. Chris J., Area Secretary, presented the June assembly minutes and reviewed with us each point of a section that was controversial. He explained his method of transcribing the Assembly, that it is not practical nor really desirable to present a verbatim transcript of the meeting's recording (consider the time needed for each of us to go over the entire assembly again, word for word).. What he tries to do is to faithfully approximate the flow and temperament of the Assembly as verbally expressed by each speaker, which is especially difficult when in-depth, lengthy discussions occur and there are many voices and back-and-forth responses for which to account. He assured us, he is doing the best he can.

Joel K., DCM of district 15, stood for the newly vacant position of alt-DCMC.

Lastly, the committee discussed the next Assembly, each DCM present given the time to talk and voice their district's conscience. A hybrid Assembly was favored unanimously.

Nicholas Banks
Area 53 DCMC, Panel 71

Area 53 Assembly Quarterly Meeting

Accessibilities Committee Report

December 12, 2021

The Accessibilities Committee's meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11 am on zoom. (see the Area 53 calendar for details) The committee would like to welcome anyone interested in serving.

Here are some examples of the assistance we have offered over the past few months to AA members in need:

- Purchased a Grapevine subscription for a *homebound* AA member
- Offering zoom options to attend special committee meetings
- Communicated with some nursing homes to offer zoom information for AA meetings and literature for residents
- A collaborative resource for meeting or event planning

When planning a meeting or event, is your group asking the basic question - is it accessible to those AA members with disabilities and/or special needs? By offering a ***reasonable accommodation*** you will be making your event a more inclusive environment to all.

What is a ***reasonable accommodation***?

This term is traditionally used in a work environment and can be used in a social situation by identifying ways to make the environment and resources suitable for a person with a disability and/or a special need. It allows a person to enjoy opportunities just as equally as anyone else, remembering that the accommodation needs to be reasonable. For example, making sure an event location has wheelchair access.

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 22nd at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,

Kathy B., Chair
Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

Archives Comm. Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 12th, 2021

- ❖ The Archives Committee is seeking volunteers that have an interest in our AA history and a willingness to learn how to preserve our materials for Area 53.
- ❖ The Archives Committee has been notified that we need to vacate the temporary space we are currently using to sort materials. We have a tentative date to move in late January. I have notified Patty at COGF and we are working with Mark C. to finalize our plan.
- ❖ The sorting and documenting of the items will continue in the coming weeks. Our goal is to have a general idea of what information we have and where it is stored. The Archives Committee has decided not to accept donations for the Area Archives at this time. We need to work on inventorying and sorting what we have before we take on new items.
- ❖ We were able to interview and record two folks since our last assembly. You can listen to the recorded interviews at [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org). I would ask for suggestions on whom to interview from districts outside of Franklin County.
- ❖ The Archives Committee continues to meet once a month on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. We will not be meeting on Zoom in December. If you are interested in learning more about archives go to the NAAAW website, [NAAAW Home – National A.A. Archives Workshop](https://naaaw.org). The next meeting on Zoom will be Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. **Meeting ID:** 972 9646 8435 **Password:** Archives

Respectfully,
Teri G, Chair
A/53 Archives Committee

Archivist Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 12, 2021

• November 3, 2021 assisted Mark, the COGF archivist in an open house. Displaying both Area 53 and central office artifacts, display boards, pictures, old articles, and an interesting replica of Bill's motorcycle that he and Lois drove all over the country (scaled-down of course). The attendance was low, however I did get some experience reading some of the display boards, and interaction with the AA's who did attend. It was also an opportunity to get to talk one on one with Mark and get his experience on purpose of the archivist.

• Assisted sorting and moving materials as per request by Teri the Archives Comm. Chair and the committee.

• The 2022 National A A Archives Workshop is on for next year Little Rock Arkansas September 22–25, 2022 The Theme: DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE? YOU BET IT DOES!

Respectfully, Frank G, Archivist

Grapevine Committee Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 12, 2012

- Grapevine Committee purchased and donated a Grapevine subscription to West Central Correction Facility.
- Along with CPC/PI we will be involved in a local job fair in March 2022.
- We are encouraging AA members to read Prayer and Meditation a new Grapevine book.
- Our focus is still using Grapevine and La Vina as twelve step tools.

Respectfully submitted,

Taffy J.

Grapevine Committee Chair

Intergroup Liaison Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 12, 2021

Our last quarterly meeting of the Intergroup Offices was November 12 with COGF and AOIO in attendance. We discussed questions and concerns and it was a helpful meeting. Our next quarterly meeting will be in February 2022.

News from COGF: They are selling Big Books at GSO's sale prices of hardback \$7.50, softback \$7.25, pocket-sized \$4.05, large print \$7.62, large print abridged \$5.30.

The meeting schedule booklet is back in print.

About meeting changes: If the change is related to COVID, call or email the office and tell them. If it is a new group or a change in meeting information, use the forms on COGF's website. One meeting change per email.

News from AOIO: Officers for the Advisory Board were elected at the November IGR Quarterly Meeting. Advisory Board meets monthly, keeps meeting schedule on website updated, and sells literature usually by appointment.

News from Lancaster Area Intergroup: Rent paid, office staffed daily 10-2. Waiting to see if Alcathon will materialize.

News from Marion Area Group Fellowship: Alcathon is being planned.

Submitted by

Barbara M, Liaison Chair

Area 53 General Assembly, December 12, 2021 Treatment Facilities Committee Report

The Treatment Facilities Committee has continued to meet monthly on the third Saturday of the month at noon. We now meet in person at COGF with a Zoom-in option available. We have continued to have an average of 7-8 attendees of the committee meetings. Due to the size of Area 53, there is plenty of service opportunities for those interested. The committee would like to emphasize the importance of a Group Treatment Representative, which is an AA group's link to the activities of the standing committee. If your homegroup is looking for service positions to fill, we encourage you to send representatives to join our committee.

Meetings

Since the last assembly, the committee has successfully helped fill 1 meeting request for a women's meeting at Minerva Park Behavioral Health.

Update on P.O. Box

The committee purchased a P.O. Box after our November committee meeting which was reimbursed from our budget from Area 53. We will report the P.O. Box number at the December meeting and post it on the website.

The P.O. Box will allow groups to send direct contributions to our committee for the purpose of purchasing AA literature. The committee distributes AA literature directly to alcoholics in treatment settings, especially the alcoholic without access to "outside" AA meetings.

Funds

The committee has just about exhausted our 2021 budget from Area 53. That said, we have begun collecting direct contributions from AA members and groups. So far we have raised \$186.

In accordance with our committee bylaws, these funds will be used for the purchase of AA literature. Due the size of our area and the high level of need, we encourage groups to either make contributions to our committee OR institute a "treatment can" to collect contributions for the Area 53 Treatment Committee, similar to the Corrections Committee jug. Each group is autonomous and may decide for themselves if or how they contribute to the Treatment Committee. Contribution of any amount are greatly appreciated!

Because we now have contributions from Area 53 AA groups and members, in accordance with our committee bylaws, we will now start posting Treatment Committee Treasurer Reports each quarter on the Area 53 website. Thank you.

In service, Sam K. Chair
Treatment Facilities Committee
Area 53, Panel 71

DCM Reports to Area 53 Assembly, December 2021

District 11, Union and Madison County

Barbara P, DCM

Submitted: 12/09/21

District Meeting: First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church 210 W 5th St, Marysville, OH 43040

Active GSRs: 10

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 11 is hosting a New Years Eve Celebration December 31st at the Marysville Church of the Nazarene 1126 N Maple St, Marysville, OH 43040. Doors open at 7:00pm. Please see flyer posted on Area 53 website for more information.

District 15, Southeast OH

Joel K, DCM

Submitted: 12/12/2021

District Meeting: 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6:30, Belle Valley OH

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 33, Near Eastside of Cols. N: 5th Ave; S: I-70; E: Steltzer/James Rd; W: Olentangy River

Margie Johnson, DCM

Submitted: 12/7/2021

District Meeting: None at None, N/A

Active GSRs: Possibly 1

District Report on Events and Discussions:

GSR Reports to Area 53 Assembly, December 2021

A Way Out Group, District 11
Mikayla G, GSR
Submitted: 11/28/2021
Meeting Format: Big Book
Meeting Time & Location: 7:30, Presbyterian,
GSR Report on Events and Discussions: none

Barnesville Group Group, District 15
Koel D, GSR
Submitted: 12/12/2021
Meeting Format: Speaker/discussion
Meeting Time & Location: Sunday 8pm /Wednesday 7pm, First United Methodist church 123
W. Church st Barnesville Ohio 43718,
GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Clintonville Big Book Group, District 28
Debbe Y, GSR
Submitted: 12/10/2021
Meeting Format: Big Book Study
Meeting Time & Location: 08:00 PM, Maple Grove UM Church,
GSR Report on Events and Discussions: Discontinued Thursday online Beginners meeting as of
December 30

As Bill Sees It Group, District 30
Carl D, GSR
Submitted: 11/08/2021
Meeting Format: Ass Bill Sees It
Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 pm Saturdays, Bethel Road United Methodist Church,
GSR Report on Events and Discussions: none

Monday Night Steps & Traditions Group, District 30
Cheryl P, GSR
Submitted: 12-6-2021
Meeting Format: Literature (12&12)
Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 pm on Mondays, Meadowpark Church of God, 2425 Bethel
Road, Columbus OH,
GSR Report on Events and Discussions: We are discussing the possibility of hosting a movie
night for the district next spring, to show and discuss "Bill Wilson on Talking on the 12 Traditions"
or "Markings on a Journey," both of which we own.

GSR Reports to Area 53 Assembly, December 2021

Simply Sober Group, District 30

Jo R, GSR

Submitted: 12/10/21

Meeting Format: Open discussion except last Friday of month Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 10am-11am, Zoom only,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

The meeting closes at 10:15am due to internet "bombers". Can contact host to be let in after that time.

Poindexter Group, District 33

Julz D, GSR

Submitted: 11 Dec 21

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 8pm, Saint Dominic Church 453 N 20th St,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

Three Legacies Group, District 34

Erica C, GSR

Submitted: 12.12.2021

Meeting Format: Closed Rotating Literature Discussion, w/ 4th week Open Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 1900hrs / 7pm, 2930 W.Broad St, Columbus, OH 43204,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

- Stay Sober, Carry the AA Message
- Support and Encourage Rotations in our district and area
- 34th Group Anniversary in Nov had 50 AA members & families
- District 34 event participation
- Strong Request to APC & Area53 to restore the full GSR and DCM report forms beginning 2022 both online and printable, as found in GSR school packets. Also, Remove the non-aa quote found online.
- Strong request to APC & Area53 (to return to) support, encourage, & focus on GSR's. GSR focus as outlined in The Area 53 Guidelines in the mission of area assemblies, was agenda'ed thruout panel 69. Could we please have such inclusion as (1) direct panel emails to gsr, and, (2) an enrollment process during rotation to include an exit process, (3) Not restricting or excluding gsr participation in assemblies, including no time limits (other than points of order of course).

Sober In Place Group, District Possibly 49

Mark C, GSR

Submitted: 12/12/21

Meeting Format: Fri BB Sat 12 12 Sun discussion/lead

Meeting Time & Location: 10pm eastern time, Zoom,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: We would like to submit that the* asterisk be more bold and an explanation of when and how to use it. As well an explanation of the italics be put in the Big Book.

Proposed Guideline Change: (Article XII, Section 1)
Addition of Web Admin and Alt Web Admin to list of officers

Amend Article XII, Section 1) – Election of Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Area Officers
by adding "Website Administrator, and Alternate Website Administrator."

Current Wording:

- 1) At the September Area 53 Assembly Meeting of each even-numbered year, the Area Assembly will hold elections of the Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Registrar, Alternate Registrar, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer, and Alternate Treasurer.

Proposed Wording:

- 1) At the September Area 53 Assembly Meeting of each even-numbered year, the Area Assembly will hold elections of the Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Registrar, Alternate Registrar, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Web Administrator and Alternate Web Administrator.

Finance Comm. Report to Area 53 Assembly
December 12, 2021
Proposed Changes to 2022 Budget

The Finance Committee met several times to work on the budget for 2022. We discussed how the Area might utilize the excess funds that have accumulated over the past couple of years with recommendations listed below.

The Committee believes that these recommendations will best address the problem of excess funds while directly enhancing Area participation in events by offsetting member expenses.

-Line item 10 be increased to \$3000 for 2022 to help offset the expenses of Past Delegates for participation at CDPP and the Mini-Conference.

-Line item 11 be increased to \$6000 for 2022 to help offset the expenses of Officers, and to include Alternates for participation at the Mini-Conference and State Convention.

-Line item 36 be increased to \$1350 for 2022 to help offset the expenses of Standing Committee Chairs for participation at the Mini-Conference and State Convention. The increase provides up to \$150 reimbursement per Standing Committee Chair.

-Adding a new line item for 2022 to reimburse each District up to \$200 to help offset expenses for DCMs and GSRs participation at these two events.

(37: DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con. \$5800)

Submitted by,
Tom D, Treasurer

Proposed 2022 Budget

2022 Area 53 Proposed Budget							Projected from 2021
Incomes		2022	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	
1	January 2022 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	\$ 30,000					\$ 30,000
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	\$ 12,000					\$ 12,000
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	\$ 3,000					\$ 3,000
3	Total Funds	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000
Expenses							
Officer Expenses							
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	\$ 3,000				\$ -	\$ 3,000
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3000	\$ -					
6	Delegate Expenses	\$ 3,400					\$ 3,400
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,000					\$ 2,000
8	Chairperson Expense	\$ 1,400					\$ 1,400
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	\$ 700					\$ 700
10	Past Dels to CDP/PA53 Mini-Conf	\$ 3,000					\$ 1,500
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	\$ 6,000					\$ 3,000
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	\$ -					\$ 250
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	\$ 150					\$ 150
14	Total Officer Expenses	\$ 19,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,400
Operating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	\$ 1,420					\$ 400
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	\$ 300					\$ 400
17	Copying Expenses	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
18	Bank Service Charges	\$ -					\$ -
19	Web Site/Web Services	\$ 600					\$ 600
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit						\$ 25
21	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,425

Meeting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	\$ 300					\$ 300
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	\$ 3,000					\$ 1,800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	\$ 200					\$ 200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,300
Committee Expenses							
26	Mini-Conference	\$ 150					\$ 150
27	Archives	\$ 750					\$ 200
28	Archives Committee Training	\$ 1,100					
29	CPC/PI	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
30	Correctional Facilities	\$ 900					\$ 900
31	Treatment Facilities	\$ 500					\$ 500
32	Grapevine	\$ 500					\$ 500
33	Group Services	\$ 500					\$ 500
34	Accessibilities	\$ 500					\$ 200
35	Liasion	\$ 100					\$ 100
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	\$ 1,350					\$ 450
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	\$ 5,800					
38	Total Committee Expenses	\$ 13,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500
39	Total Expenses	\$ 39,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,625
40	Ledger Balance	\$ 5,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,375
41	Prudent Reserve \$3500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
42	Funds Available for Use	\$ 1,880	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ 16,875